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Re: Filing of New U.S. Patent Application Based on  
Provisional Applications *Serial Nos. 60/170,368 and 60/208,504*  
Title: *SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING  
INCENTIVES TO PURCHASERS*  
Inventors: Thomas P. MURPHY et al.

Dear Sir:

Attached is a new patent application for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office including (68) pages of Specification, (8) pages of Claims (numbered 1-28), (1) page Abstract and (42) pages of Drawings. Priority is claimed based on U.S. Provisional Application Serial Nos. 60/170,368, filed December 13, 1999, and 60/208,504, filed June 2, 2000 entitled "*System and Method for Providing Incentives to Purchasers.*"

This application is being filed with an executed Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Accordingly, applicant is believed to be entitled to a filing date based upon the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's receipt of the attached specification. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that a filing date of December 13, 2000 be granted to this application.

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